



Family Support

Information for Families

What is Family Support?

Family support provides funds to assist families to care for family members with development disabilities in their home. It may be used to purchase:

- Respite care (brief periods of care for people with developmental disabilities);
- Specialized evaluations;
- Adaptive equipment;
- Therapies;
- Transportation;
- Specialized clothing;
- Housing modifications; and
- Similar or related costs.

Family support is intended to promote and enhance the family's capacity to provide care for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Family support encourages family and communities to use existing sources of assistance.

Family support funds can be used when no other resources are available. Family support funds are limited and may not always be available.

Who is eligible?

Family support is available to Idaho families who care for a child or adult family member with a developmental disability in their home.

A developmental disability is a significant mental and/or physical impairment which occurred prior to the age of 22. The Regional Developmental Disabilities Program will determine eligibility.

Family support is based on the need for services and is available regardless of family income or eligibility for other services.

How do you apply?

Families complete a one-page application describing services and/or amount requested, reason supports are needed, expected benefits, and other resources considered.

For an application, contact one of the local Developmental Disabilities Programs listed in the next section or contact Idaho CareLine 1-800-926-2588.